

1872 27 50

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MANAGERS

OF THE

# Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women

(Burton Avenue, off Copeland Street)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1899

---

BOSTON

PRESS OF GEO. H. ELLIS, 272 CONGRESS STREET

1899



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MANAGERS

OF THE

# Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women

(Burton Avenue, off Copeland Street)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1899

---

BOSTON

PRESS OF GEO. H. ELLIS, 272 CONGRESS STREET

1899

## BOARD OF MANAGERS 1899-1900.

---

MR. EDWARD B. REYNOLDS, *President*, 67 Walnut Park.  
MRS. THOMAS J. HOMER, *Vice-President*, 5 Chestnut Street, Boston.  
MRS. C. EDWIN MILES, *Vice-President*, 126 Warren Street.  
MR. JOSEPH G. SHED, *Treasurer*, 27 Fountain Street.  
MRS. CHARLES H. PLIMPTON, *Secretary*, 35 Waverley Street.  
MR. FRANCIS J. WARD, *Auditor*, 37 Winthrop Street.

Mr. WILLIAM A. PAINE.	Mrs. LEWIS W. MORSE.
Mr. JOHN CARR.	Mrs. LEWIS J. BIRD.
Mr. THOMAS J. HOMER.	Mrs. WESLEY IRESON.
Mr. HENRY WOOD.	Mrs. HENRY B. DENNISON.
Miss LUCY A. NEVERS.	Mrs. HENRY BASFORD.
Miss SARAH D. H. WHITE.	Miss JENNIE MCINTOSH.
Mrs. LUCINA F. TRIPP.	Miss ANNE F. REYNOLDS.
Mrs. CHARLES F. COPELAND.	Mrs. JOHN S. KEMP.
Mrs. FRANCIS J. WARD.	Mrs. HENRY REVERE.
Mrs. JOHN CARR.	Mrs. PHINEAS B. SMITH.
Mrs. SOLOMON A. BOLSTER.	Mrs. FREEMAN WIGHT.
Mrs. CHARLES H. BOLLES.	Mrs. THEODORE M. PLIMPTON.
Mrs. SAMUEL H. HUNNEMAN.	Mrs. JOHN A. THOMPSON.
Mrs. EUGENE H. CLAPP.	Miss SUSAN D. ELLIS.
Mrs. WILLIAM BARTON.	Mrs. RUTH M. CLAPP.

---

Mrs. AMANDA L. MAYBERRY, *Matron*.

# STANDING COMMITTEES.

---

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

EDWARD B. REYNOLDS . . . . .	67 Walnut Park
JOHN CARR . . . . .	80 Elm Hill Avenue
FRANCIS J. WARD . . . . .	37 Winthrop Street
HENRY WOOD . . . . .	The Warren
WILLIAM A. PAINE . . . . .	181 Walnut Avenue
THOMAS J. HOMER . . . . .	4 Linwood Street
JOSEPH G. SHED . . . . .	27 Fountain Street

## COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

Mrs. THOMAS J. HOMER . . . . .	5 Chestnut Street, Boston
Mrs. C. EDWIN MILES . . . . .	126 Warren Street
Mrs. LEWIS W. MORSE . . . . .	22 Alaska Street
Miss SARAH D. H. WHITE . . . . .	2 Highland Street

## COMMITTEE ON FURNISHING AND REPLENISHING.

Miss ANNE F. REYNOLDS.	Mrs. JOHN S. KEMP.
Miss JENNIE MCINTOSH.	Mrs. HENRY REVERE.

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Mrs. FRANCIS J. WARD.	Mrs. JOHN CARR.
Mrs. SOLOMON A. BOLSTER.	

## COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

HENRY WOOD.	JOHN CARR.	JOSEPH G. SHED.
-------------	------------	-----------------

## HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. WILLIAM BARTON.	Mrs. EUGENE H. CLAPP.
Mrs. CHARLES F. COPELAND.	Miss SUSAN D. ELLIS.

## VISITING COMMITTEE.

<i>April.</i>	<i>May.</i>
Miss WHITE.	Mrs. KEMP.
Mrs. REVERE.	Mrs. SMITH.

*June.*

Mrs. MILES.  
Mrs. BASFORD.

*July.*

Mrs. HUNNEMAN.  
Miss MCINTOSH.

*August.*

Mrs. BOLLES.  
Mrs. BARTON.

*September.*

Mrs. TRIPP.  
Mrs. CARR.

*October.*

Mrs. EUGENE CLAPP.  
Mrs. IRESON.

*November.*

Mrs. WARD.  
Mrs. T. M. PLIMPTON.

*December.*

Mrs. WIGHT.  
Mrs. THOMPSON.

*January.*

Miss REYNOLDS.  
Miss ELLIS.

*February.*

Mrs. COPELAND.  
Mrs. MORSE.

*March.*

Mrs. BOLSTER.  
Mrs. DENNISON.

**EXTRA VISITORS.**

Miss NEVERS. Mrs. BIRD. Mrs. RUTH M. CLAPP.



## ANNUAL REPORT.

---

In reviewing the records of the past year, we find that at the monthly meetings of the Board we have had an average attendance of nineteen members, and that the Managers show the same interest in their care for the aged and feeble as has characterized their work in the past.

The vacancy caused by the death of our former President, the Rev. Solon W. Bush, has been filled by Mr. Edward B. Reynolds, a devoted friend of the Home, and one who has always taken an active interest in the work from its earliest history.

Mr. Francis J. Ward, who so faithfully fulfilled the office as Treasurer for three years, resigned his position; and Mr. Joseph G. Shed was appointed his successor. Mr. Ward accepted the position of Auditor, the vacancy being caused by the resignation of Dr. C. Edwin Miles. Two members of our Board of Managers, Mrs. Julian K. Smythe and Mrs. Annie S. Jarvis, have resigned on account of their removal from the city. With sadness we record the death of one of our most faithful members, Mrs. Edwin Waite, a lady whose rare gentleness and firmness of character endeared her to us all, and whose presence is greatly missed at our meetings.

Three new members have been added to the Board, — Mrs. John A. Thompson, Miss S. D. Ellis, and Mrs. Ruth M. Clapp.

At present we have thirty inmates in the Home, all the rooms being occupied; and still there are frequent applications for admission.

There are a few beneficiaries outside the Home. Seven

of the inmates have died during the past year,—Miss M. Louise Crawley, Mrs. Catherine Stark, Miss Prudence S. Nichols, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Bayer, Miss Maria Hanscom, Mrs. Elizabeth Frieze, and Miss Mary Ann Nichols.

We have admitted to the Home Miss Harriet M. Harrington, Miss Anna Gustave Lindergreen, Mrs. Harriet W. Phelps, Mrs. Mary E. Blaisdell and Miss Marjory Cowperthwaite.

As we have stated in former years, there are no children in the Home ; but we give the needed aid to mothers, thus enabling them to keep their little ones under their own care and protection.

The severe weather of the past winter has been felt by the inmates, and our faithful physician Dr. Butler has responded willingly to the many demands made upon him.

Mrs. Mayberry, our Matron, is always reliable and unselfish, and bears her responsibilities patiently and faithfully.

There are many pleasant occasions during the year to which the family look forward with great anticipation. These are the Easter service conducted by Rev. D. W. Waldron, the annual picnic in Franklin Park, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas. Besides these there are during the summer months the carriage drives so generously provided by the Young Men's Christian Union, and which are much enjoyed by all.

Almost daily the Home is remembered by kind friends in many ways, and to them we give our grateful thanks for the many favors so generously bestowed.

J. M. PLIMPTON, *Secretary.*



### In Memoriam.

The Managers of the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women received with deep regret the intelligence of the death of Jennie W. Waite, and extend to her family the deepest sympathy in the sad bereavement that has come to them. As a woman the Board loved her, and as an associate her tender ministrations to the aged inmates and her hearty co-operation in everything designed for their well-being endeared her to all, while her able and efficient service makes the vacant place difficult to fill.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF ROXBURY HOME FOR CHILDREN AND AGED WOMEN,  
FROM APRIL 1, 1898, TO MARCH 31, 1899.

<i>Dr.</i>			<i>Cr.</i>
Cash balance received April 1, 1898 . . . . .		\$4,851.16	
Admissions . . . . .		\$1,958.14	
Donations . . . . .		30.00	
Subscriptions . . . . .		181.00	
Board . . . . .		215.34	
Estate of S. S. Rogers . . . . .		28.04	
Income of Investments . . . . .		3,887.24	
Eagle National Bank Dividend, 75% . . . . .		750.00	
Income Gifford Fund . . . . .		25.00	
“ Adams Fund . . . . .		136.31	
“ C. Porter Fund . . . . .		302.31	
“ Lowell Fund . . . . .		152.32	
“ Wm. Whiting Fund . . . . .		232.31	
“ Snow Fund . . . . .		223.87	
Investment Fund . . . . .		5,000.00	
“ Lowell Fund . . . . .		2,000.00	
		<u>\$15,121.88</u>	
		<u>\$19,973.04</u>	
			House Furnishings . . . . . \$35.85
			Table Supplies . . . . . 2,563.78
			Medicines . . . . . 66.09
			Salaries and Wages . . . . . 2,349.78
			Children's Aid . . . . . 426.00
			Other Expenses . . . . . 1,888.59
			Board . . . . . 293.47
			N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co. . . . . 59.77
			Fuel and Lights . . . . . 486.30
			Security Safe Deposit Co. . . . . 15.00
			Investment Snow Fund . . . . . 5,000.00
			“ Lowell Fund . . . . . 2,000.00
			“ Randall Fund . . . . . 1,000.00
			International Trust Co. . . . . 3,226.90
			First National Bank . . . . . 561.51
			Cash Balance March 31, 1899 . . . . . 3,788.41
			<u>\$19,973.04</u>

Boston, March 31, 1899.

Have examined the Treasurer's Account, and find it correct.

Boston, April 25, 1899.

FRANCIS J. WARD, Auditor.

JOSEPH G. SHED, Treasurer.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

\*Mr. Aaron H. Bean.  
Mrs. Augustus Parker.

Miss Annie M. Haines.  
Miss H. F. Holden.

---

## LIFE MEMBERS, \$50.00.

Mrs. N. J. Bowditch.  
\*Mrs. Olive E. Hayden.  
Mrs. David P. Kimball.  
Mrs. Henry S. Shaw.  
\*Mrs. Jeremiah Plimpton.  
Mrs. Sophie E. Copeland.  
Mrs. H. A. Root.

\*Mrs. W. A. Root.  
Rev. W. H. Lyon.  
Mrs. Emily L. Wilson.  
Mrs. L. F. Tripp.  
Mrs. Francis J. Ward.  
Mrs. K. P. Fletcher.  
Miss Eleanor G. May.

---

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

ONE DOLLAR AND UPWARDS.

1898-99.

Appleton, Mrs. Mary G.  
  
Bacon, Augustus  
Bacon, Miss Mary P.  
Bacon, Mrs. William  
Bartlett, Miss Mary H.  
Barton, Mrs. William  
Basford, Mrs. Henry  
Basto, Mrs. M. A.  
Bayley, Mrs. M. R.  
Beaman, Mrs. N. P.  
Bird, Mrs. L. J.  
Bolles, Mrs. C. H.  
Bolster, Mrs. Solomon A.

Bosworth, Mrs. D. P.  
Bradford, Mrs. C. F.  
Bradstreet, Mrs. C. A.  
Bray, Mrs. C. F.  
Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin, \$5.  
Brigham, Miss Lucy T.  
Brown, Atherton T., \$5.  
Bunker, Mrs. Cordelia  
  
Call, Mrs. Norman, \$2.  
Carr, Mrs. Albert E.  
Carr, John  
Carr, Mrs. John  
Childs, Mrs. Sara V. D.

\* Deceased.

Clapp, Miss Abbie  
 Clapp, Miss Antoinette  
 Clapp, Mrs. Eugene H., \$5.  
 Clapp, Mrs. Howard  
 Clapp, Mrs. Ruth M.  
 Clarke, Mrs. Mary L.  
 Cushing, Mrs. James

Davenport, Mrs. Orlando H.  
 Dawson, Miss Sarah  
 Dean, Miss Lillian F.  
 Dennison, Mrs. E. W.  
 Dennison, Mrs. H. B., \$5.  
 De Normandie, Mrs. James  
 Dillaway, Mrs. Charles K.

Edson, Mrs. P. O'M.  
 Eliot, Miss Emily B.  
 Eliot, Miss Mary L.  
 Ellis, Miss S. D.  
 Emmons, Mrs. Henry, \$3.

Fairbairn, Robert B.  
 Forbes, Mrs. H. D.  
 Foster, Mrs. Anna S.  
 Fowle, Miss Helen A.

Gage, Miss Catherine A.  
 Green, Mrs. Frank E.  
 Gregory, Mrs. George W., \$2.  
 Guild, Mrs. Rebecca

Haines, Miss A. M.  
 Hall, Mrs. Solomon, \$2.  
 Harmon, Mrs. Ivory  
 Harrington, Miss I. D.  
 Harvey, Mrs. Charles C.  
 Hayward, Mrs. J. W.  
 Heath, Miss Elizabeth  
 Hill, Mrs. Charles W., \$2.  
 Hoadley, Mrs. J. C.  
 Hobbs, Miss Alice A.  
 Hobbs, Mrs. George M.  
 Hodgdon, Mrs. David M., \$2.  
 Hodges, Mrs. Danforth C.

Holden, Miss H. F.  
 Homer, Mrs. T. J.  
 Homer, Thomas J.  
 Howard, Miss H. S., \$3.  
 Humphreys, R. C.  
 Humphreys, Mrs. R. C.  
 Hunneman, Mrs. S. H.

Ingell, Miss Mary A.  
 Ireson, Mrs. Wesley

Jackson, Mrs. A. C.

Keene, Mrs. Simeon W.  
 Kellogg, Mrs. George F.  
 Kemp, Mrs. John S.  
 Kennard, Miss H. C.  
 Kimball, Mrs. Augusta C.  
 Kittredge, Mrs. William P.

Lamson, Mrs. Joseph  
 Lane, Mrs. Benjamin P.  
 Lawrence, H. P.  
 Leland, Mrs. William S.

Martin, Mrs. Henry A., \$5.  
 McIntosh, Mrs. A. S.  
 McIntosh, Miss Jennie  
 Meredith, Mrs. Joseph H.  
 Miles, Dr. C. E.  
 Miles, Mrs. C. E.  
 Monroe, Mrs. George H.  
 Morrill, Mrs. George  
 Morse, Mrs. Lewis W.

Nazro, Mrs. Fred H.  
 Nazro, Miss M. W.  
 Nevers, Miss Lucy A.  
 Newell, Mrs. James M.  
 Newell, Mrs. James W.  
 Noble, John  
 Noble, Mrs. John  
 Norton, Mrs. J. H.

Otis, Mrs. Harriet B.

Paine, William A.  
 Parker, Mrs. Augustus  
 Parker, Miss M. E.  
 Pettee, Mrs. Seth  
 Pierce, Miss M. E.  
 Plimpton, Mrs. Charles H.  
 Plimpton, Mrs. T. M.  
 Pollock, Mrs. Charles  
 Potter, Mrs. S. Allen

Revere, Mrs. Henry  
 Reynolds, Miss Anne F.  
 Reynolds, Edward B.  
 Reynolds, Mrs. Edward B.  
 Rice, Mrs. George Woods  
 Rogers, Miss Laura D.  
 Rogers, Miss Susan S., \$3.

Sargent, Mrs. Epes, \$5.  
 Shannon, Miss Mattie A. S.  
 Shed, Joseph G.  
 Smith, Miss A. E.  
 Smith, George B.  
 Smith, Mrs. Phineas B.  
 Smith, Miss S. L., \$5.  
 Soren, John  
 Soren, Miss Grace E.

Souther, Horatio H.  
 Thacher, Miss C. B.  
 Thompson, Mrs. Augustus C., \$3.  
 Thompson, Mrs. John A.  
 Townsend, E. B.  
 Townsend, Mrs. John  
 Tripp, Frank F.  
 Tripp, Miss Marion C.  
 Tuttle, Mrs. Thomas W.

Wadsworth, Mrs. G. W.  
 Waldron, Rev. D. W.  
 Waldron, Miss Mary R.  
 Ward, Mr. Francis J.  
 Ware, Mrs. Leonard  
 Waterman, Mrs. George H.  
 Wheelock, Mrs. J. Andrews  
 Wheelwright, Mrs. H. G.  
 Wheelwright, Mrs. Josiah  
 White, Miss Laura B.  
 White, Miss Margaret U.  
 White, Miss S. D. H.  
 White, Mrs. Frederick O.  
 Wight, Mrs. Freeman  
 Williams, Mrs. R. B.  
 Wood, Henry



Bequests to the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged  
Women since April 1, 1884.

Mrs. Mary Vinton . . . . .	\$500.00
Miss Sarah Bradford . . . . .	500.00
Mrs. Mehitable Adams . . . . .	1,000.00
John H. Eastburn . . . . .	3,000.00
Mrs. Catharine C. Humphreys . . . . .	1,000.00
Benjamin F. Penniman . . . . .	127.73
Mrs. Catharine L. Pray . . . . .	500.00
Miss Sarah A. Hart . . . . .	2,000.00
Joseph W. Tucker . . . . .	500.00
Charles G. Emmons . . . . .	500.00
Stephen Williams . . . . .	38,710.61
Miss Mary Williams . . . . .	5,000.00
Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford . . . . .	1,000.00
Mrs. Mary W. Hollingsworth . . . . .	400.00
Miss Susan Weld . . . . .	300.00
Mrs. Caroline P. Adams . . . . .	900.00
Mrs. Caroline P. Adams, additional . . . . .	100.00
Miss Anna Cabot Lowell . . . . .	2,000.00
Mrs. Sophia J. Snow . . . . .	10,000.00
Miss Susan Seaver . . . . .	500.00
Mrs. Sarah B. Curtis . . . . .	1,000.00
J. W. and B. L. Randall . . . . .	1,000.00
Charities Corporation . . . . .	

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the *Christian Register* and the *Saturday Evening Gazette* during the year ; also donations in many forms from the following friends : —

Mrs. Francis J. Ward.  
 Mrs. F. O. White.  
 Miss Murdock.  
 Mrs. Bowers.  
 Mr. Wm. Slocum.  
 Mrs. John Carr.  
 Mrs. Eugene H. Clapp.  
 Immanuel Church.  
 Mr. Walter Newton.  
 Miss Grace M. Milliken.  
 Miss Mary Heard.  
 Herford Club.  
 Mr. H. N. Lincoln.  
 Second Church, Copley Square.

Mrs. Henry B. Dennison.  
 Miss Lillie Dean.  
 Mrs. C. Edwin Miles.  
 Mrs. Wellington.  
 Mrs. Augustus Parker.  
 Mrs. Henry Revere.  
 Walnut Avenue Church.  
 Mrs. Solomon Bolster.  
 Miss Elise Leavitt.  
 Mrs. Charles Morse.  
 Miss N. P. Hersey.  
 Mr. Richard C. Humphreys.  
 Mr. Arthur L. Plimpton.  
 All Souls' Church, Elm Hill.

## MUSIC.

We would again thank our friends who have made our Sunday services so pleasing by the addition of music. A number of clubs and quartettes of young people have visited the Home at various times and given entertainments which have been much enjoyed by all.

Young people from Eliot Church.

Mrs. Elliot.

Miss Maud Wright.

Mr. Linwood Scrim.

Miss Smith.

Miss Goldthwaite.

Misses Gerrish.

Mrs. Folsom.

Mrs. Basford.

Mrs. Stevenson.

Mrs. Boyden.

Miss Logan.

Miss Dunham.

Miss Croft.

Miss Ayer.

Miss Lucie A. Tucker.

Miss Helen Fowle.

Quartette, First Religious Society.

Quartette from Highland Church.

Winthrop Street Quartette.

Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. Emery.

Miss Ethel Hunneman.

Miss Melchant.

Miss Plimpton.

Mrs. F. O. White.

Rev. Wm. Walker.

Mr. Tobey.

Miss Rodgers.

Young people from Dudley Street  
Baptist Church.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

Every Sunday afternoon at 4 P.M., excepting during the months of July and August, a religious service is held, to which our neighbors and friends are cordially invited, and which is much enjoyed by the members of the family. To the following friends, both ministers and laymen, who have so kindly assisted in conducting these services, we would give renewed thanks :—

Mr. Edward B. Reynolds.  
 Rev. Henry T. Secrist.  
 Rev. Carey W. Chamberlain.  
 Rev. George Skene, D.D.  
 Rev. Charles L. Morgan.  
 Rev. Albert H. Plumb, D.D.  
 Rev. Charles Dickinson.  
 Rev. Hiram Vrooman.  
 Rev. James De Normandie, D.D.  
 Rev. William Locke.  
 Rev. William A. Savary.  
 Rev. William Heywood.  
 Mr. Lewis Morse.  
 Rev. Isam P. Wooton.  
 Rev. H. A. Bridgman.  
 Mr. James Stoddard.

Rev. D. W. Waldron.  
 Mrs. Jane Patterson.  
 Rev. Wm. E. Barton, D.D.  
 Rev. Wm. R. Campbell.  
 Rev. Charles H. Beale, D.D.  
 Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.  
 Rev. John C. Pickles.  
 Rev. George H. Hosmer.  
 Rev. Hiram Houston.  
 Mr. Richard C. Humphreys.  
 Rev. Charles G. Ames, D.D.  
 Mrs. Mary S. Howes.  
 Mr. Charles Bertholph.  
 Mr. Moore.  
 Mr. Augustus Lovett.  
 Rev. Elkanah Walker.

## INMATES.

ENTERED HOME.	NAME.	BORN.
November, 1871	Mrs. Eliza R. Carson	June 11, 1815
January, 1885	Mrs. Sally Ann Wormwood	Jan. 27, 1821
May, 1888	Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes	Sept. 7, 1822
May, 1889	Miss Mary A. Dolan	March 8, 1827
September, 1889	Miss Jane Peer	Feb. 11, 1817
September, 1889	Mrs. Tencie W. Rogers	May 25, 1822
May, 1891	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Colley	Aug. 10, 1815
November, 1891	Miss Anna D. Fiske	Feb. 12, 1815
January, 1892	Mrs. Abby B. Child	March 7, 1816
February, 1892	Miss Lucy R. Kirby	Sept. 25, 1829
November, 1893	Mrs. Lucy R. Warren	Nov. 17, 1825
September, 1894	Mrs. Louise W. Gibson	March 29, 1814
May, 1894	Miss Elizabeth E. Clark	Jan. 6, 1824
October, 1894	Miss Louise M. Lewis	Oct. 2, 1829
July, 1895	Mrs. Eudora A. J. Merrill	Jan. 2, 1816
June, 1895	Mrs. Cordelia M. Lewis	Nov. 1, 1824
July, 1895	Miss Mary Nickelson	Oct. 26, 1828
May, 1896	Miss Delia A. Thurston	Jan. 14, 1821
October, 1896	Mrs. Caroline White	Oct. 21, 1812
October, 1896	Mrs. Mary Ann Barbrick	May 24, 1820
October, 1896	Miss Caroline D. Montaigne	Feb. 8, 1815
November, 1896	Mrs. Ann T. Pollard	March 11, 1824
February, 1897	Mrs. Mary Pitts Peirce	Nov. 11, 1825
June, 1897	Miss Lucy Annie Forsaine	Nov. 1, 1813
December, 1897	Mrs. Lydia A. Downes	Sept. 24, 1827
June, 1898	Miss Harriet M. Harrington	Feb. 23, 1822
October, 1898	Miss Anna Gustave Lendergreen	March 7, 1828
October, 1898	Mrs. Harriet W. Phelps	March 31, 1832
February, 1899	Mrs. Mary E. Blaisdell	June 21, 1831
February, 1899	Miss Marjory Cowperthwaite	Nov. 16, 1829



# ACT OF INCORPORATION.

---

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

### AN ACT

To incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

SECTION 1. James Ritchie, John Rogers, Charles K. Dillaway, and James Waldock, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury, for the purpose of providing for destitute children and aged females, and affording a temporary home for the same, with all the powers and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of twenty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of thirty thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SECT. 3. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *Speaker.*

---

IN SENATE, May 30, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

ELIHU C. BAKER, *President.*

---

May 31, 1856.

Approved.

HENRY J. GARDNER.

---

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, June 3, 1856.

A true copy.

Attest:

THOMAS DEWITT,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## [CHAPTER 199.]

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

## AN ACT

To change the name of the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation known as the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury" is changed to the "Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women."

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 20, 1874.

Passed to be enacted.

JOHN E. SANFORD, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, April 23, 1874.

Passed to be enacted.

GEO. B. LORING, *President*.

April 24, 1874.

Approved.

W. B. WASHBURN.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, April 28, 1886.

A true copy.

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.

[SEAL.]

DEPUTY HENRY J. COOLIDGE,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE.

## AN ACT

Enabling the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women to hold additional real and personal estate.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and forty of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury," is repealed, and the following is substituted in place thereof: Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 12, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE A. MARDEN, *Speaker*.

---

IN SENATE, Feb. 14, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE G. CROCKER, *President*.

---

Feb. 15, 1883.

Approved.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

---

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, March 1, 1883.

A true copy.

Attest:

HENRY B. PEIRCE,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## BY-LAWS.

ADOPTED APRIL 22, 1884.

---

### ARTICLE I.

The corporation shall consist of the persons named in the Act of Incorporation, all Life and Honorary Members, and of all such persons as shall have received, at any legal meeting of the Board of Managers, a majority of the votes cast at such meeting, and shall pay such sum as shall be voted as the annual assessment. Membership to cease upon non-payment of the annual assessment.

### ARTICLE II.

#### OFFICERS.

The officers of the corporation, under the name of the "Board of Managers," shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, and not more than thirty other persons, all of whom shall be members of the corporation. They shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and shall hold their offices for one year and until others are chosen and qualified. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring during the year.

### ARTICLE III.

#### MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be holden on the fourth Tuesday of April; and the Board of Managers may call special meetings of the corporation whenever in their opinion expedient or desirable, and it shall be their duty to call them whenever requested in writing so to do by twenty members. Notice of time and place of meeting shall be given in one or more newspapers published in the city of Boston at least four days previous to the meeting.

A regular meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the third Tuesday of every month, at such place and hour as they shall direct; and special meetings may be called at any time by the President, Vice-President, or Committee for the month. Notices of such special meetings shall state the object for which they are called. Six members shall constitute a quorum.



## ARTICLE IV.

## MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall have the entire government and control of the Home, and of the general business and property of the Association. They may choose committees from their own members on Finance, Supplies, Repairs, Admissions; and such other committees as may be necessary to perform any special duties. They shall have full power to take any measure which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the corporation; and they shall make an annual report to the corporation, on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the Home, and give an abstract of their doings for the year.

## ARTICLE V.

## VISITING COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Committee of one or more from the Board of Managers for every month, whose duty it shall be to visit the Home at least once a week, ascertain all needs, make fitting suggestions, give orders for necessary purchases, and submit their report at the succeeding monthly meeting. They shall also have supervision over outside beneficiaries.

## ARTICLE VI.

## TREASURER.

The Treasurer under the direction of the Committee on Finance shall have the charge and care of the finances, shall receive all moneys due, and shall pay all bills which have been approved by the Board of Managers of their authorized committees. He shall render an account annually to the corporation and quarterly to the Board of Managers.

## ARTICLE VII.

## AUDITOR.

The auditor shall, in the month of April of every year, audit the account of the Treasurer, examine the property of the corporation, and append his report to the Treasurer's annual statement.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Managers, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each, with the names of those present at Board meetings,



and shall notify the members of the Visiting Committee of their term of service, and shall bring to the attention of the Board all communications requiring action.

## ARTICLE IX.

### LIFE MEMBERS.

Any person who shall contribute the sum of \$50 may become a Life Member by a vote of the Board of Managers.

## ARTICLE X.

### ADMISSION OF INMATES.

Preference shall be given to those applicants who are residents of that part of Boston formerly known as Roxbury. The Managers may, if they deem it expedient, aid beneficiaries at their own home.

## ARTICLE XI.

### DONATIONS.

All sums received by the Association as donations or bequests, unless the donor or testator shall otherwise prescribe, and all moneys collected, including subscriptions, may be applied to the current expenses of the Institution, or to create or increase a permanent fund, or be otherwise invested at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

## ARTICLE XII.

### AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing By-laws may be altered, amended, or added to by a vote of a majority of the members present at any legal meeting of the corporation, notice thereof having been given of the change proposed in the call of said meeting.

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

---

### ARTICLE I.

#### VISITING COMMITTEE.

The visitors for the month shall visit the Home not less than once a week. It shall be their duty to see the inmates, inquire into their condition, and give such encouragement and advice as may be in their power or the circumstances of the case seem to require. The Committee shall have the general oversight of the Matron and the concerns of the family. They shall ascertain the needs of the Institution, and direct the purchase of such articles as may be required for its temporary welfare and comfort. They shall see that the Matron conforms to the rules as to her own conduct and that of the family, and they shall make a monthly report to the Managers of the Institution.

### ARTICLE II.

#### MATRON.

The Matron, under direction of the Visiting Committee, shall have charge of the house. She shall in no case be absent during the night without permission from the Visiting Committee. She shall enforce the rules and regulations of the Managers, and carry out such others as may be prescribed by the Visiting Committee. She shall be present at meals, see that they are properly served, and that all the inmates who are in health are present, and that suitable food be prepared for the sick. She shall report to the Visiting Committee the names of all applicants and the date of application, and, if presents be made to the Institution, the names of the persons making them, and the character of the donation. She shall at all times maintain the respect due to her station, and by kindness, attention, and judicious treatment endeavor to gain the esteem and secure the comfort and happiness of all those under her care. If improper conduct is observed in any member of the family, she shall, after the first offence, report the same to the Visiting Committee. She will, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, have the direction of nurses, domestics, and all other employees in the building. It shall be her duty to see that neatness and good conduct prevail in every part of the establishment, and that all unnecessary fires and lights are extinguished by 9.30 P.M.

## ARTICLE III.

## ON ADMISSIONS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Admissions to visit each applicant and inquire into her circumstances and character, and make a full report to the Board in writing in regard to those deemed by them proper persons for admission to the Home, always accompanied with a certificate from a physician of good standing that he has examined the applicant, and that she has no physical or mental infirmity that should preclude her admission. The Board shall, in all cases, decide upon the admission of candidates. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Admissions to keep a record, in which shall be entered the names of all applicants, their respective ages, places of birth and residence, by whom recommended, date of application, and such other information as may be of importance. No person shall be admitted as an inmate of the Home without a recommendation from this Committee.

SECT. 2. No person shall be admitted to the Home unless of American parentage, except by a majority of all the Managers present and voting at a regular meeting; and preference shall always be given to natives or residents of Roxbury.

SECT. 3. Persons under sixty-five years of age shall not be eligible. In the admission of all persons, they shall be received on probation of three months, at the expiration of which the Board of Managers shall act definitely on the case of each one so received; and, if not confirmed as permanent inmates, the admission fee, deducting three dollars per week, shall be returned.

SECT. 4. The Board of Managers may by vote admit inmates on such terms as the pecuniary condition of the corporation or the circumstances of any peculiar case may seem to demand. Until otherwise ordered, three hundred dollars shall be the fee for admission. Furniture and other articles brought into the house by or for permanent inmates must remain for the benefit of the Home.

SECT. 5. The Board of Managers have the right at any time to discharge and remove from the Home any inmate who has been guilty of disobedient or disorderly conduct, or who, in their judgment, has by her conduct rendered such action necessary for the best interests of the Institution, *provided*, however, that no vote of removal shall be passed, unless the intention to pass such vote shall have been inserted in the notice calling the meeting.

SECT. 6. Inmates who have property must secure the same to the corporation before admission; and, in case of money or other property coming into their possession after their admission, by inheritance, bequest, or otherwise, they must, if they continue in the Home, make the same over to the corporation upon the demand of the Board of Managers.



SECT. 7. Inmates will be required in all cases to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Home, as provided by the Board of Managers.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### INMATES.

SECTION 1. The inmates will be required at all times to treat the Matron and Visiting Committee with deference and respect. They will also endeavor, by quiet and gentle manners, to diffuse an air of cheerfulness and good feeling throughout the establishment; and, by acts of kindness and forbearance, to gain the esteem and promote the happiness and comfort of each other.

SECT. 2. Those who are able will be required to make their own beds and to keep their own rooms in order, neat and clean, and, under direction of the Matron, to assist those who are unable to do the same. They will also be expected to assist in domestic duties and in sewing, and generally to render all the services they can for the benefit of the Institution and the comfort of those inmates more helpless than themselves.

SECT. 3. No intoxicating drinks shall be used, except by order of the physician; and, in such cases, they must be administered by the Matron.

SECT. 4. All that is necessary for the comfort of the inmates of the Home will be provided from the funds of the Association. No inmate, therefore, will, on any account, be permitted to leave the Institution to solicit assistance or procure work, unless by special permission from the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 5. No inmate will be allowed to interfere with the Matron or to obstruct her in the discharge of her duties, but any one having cause of complaint must present the same to the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 6. If any inmate desires to visit her friends or to go off the premises at any time, permission must be obtained of the Matron, who, before granting the same, must ascertain where the person wishes to go and how long she proposes to be absent.

SECT. 7. All of the inmates who are able will take their meals at the regular table provided for them, and will also attend the Sunday service held for them in the parlor each Sunday afternoon.

#### ARTICLE V.

Visitors may be permitted any day in the week between the hours of 10 and 12 A.M. and 2 and 6 P.M., and on Sundays after 2 o'clock P.M.

#### ARTICLE VI.

These Rules and Regulations may be altered, amended, or abrogated, and others prescribed at any regular meeting of the Board of Managers; and, to insure harmony, strict attention should be paid to them.

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women, now located on Burton Avenue, Roxbury, in the city of Boston, Mass., the sum of ..... dollars, to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Home.









